



ZION NEWSLETTER

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Zion Newsletter

September 2025

Anointing the Sick

"Why don't Lutherans anoint the sick?" I have been asked this question many times over the last twelve years. This month's Newsletter has three goals. The first is to show that Lutherans do indeed anoint the sick. The second is to properly explain what we mean by it, and how to do it. The third will teach what to expect from God.

The reason why Lutherans maintain the practice of anointing the sick is simply because the Bible tells us to. **James 5:14-15** says, **"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."** We even read that the disciples put this into practice. **Mark 6:13**, **"And they [that is, the disciples] cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them."**

When I say that Lutherans do indeed anoint the sick, this may not be a prevailing practice among us, but it is officially in our Agenda to do so. The Rite is called, "Visiting the Sick and Distressed." The rubrics state, "3. According to apostolic custom (Mark 6:3; James 5:14), a sick person may be anointed with oil as a reminder of the grace of God given by the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism. Olive oil is used when anointing the sick" (*Agenda*, p. 43).

The reason why this does not seem to be a prevailing practice in our circles is, in my opinion, two-fold. First, most people are aware that Roman Catholics have a lot more Sacraments than we do. While they have seven, Lutherans have two or three, depending on how you count them. Rome calls one of them, "Extreme Unction", which is also known as Anointing the Sick. Because many Lutherans had a fear of looking Roman Catholic last century, rather than simply saying, "We will maintain a rite or ceremony, and just not call it a Sacrament", we threw the baby out with the bath water. Rome also calls Holy Matrimony a Sacrament, and yet Lutherans have not gotten rid of marrying Christians before the Altar of God! Likewise, we should not have ceased to Anoint the Sick just because it is not a Sacrament as we understand the term.

The second reason why I think we do not have a rich tradition of anointing the sick is the fear of looking or acting like Pentecostals, who often have "faith-healing" services. This is a good segue to our second goal: explaining what we mean by anointing the sick. In the Lutheran Rite, the first ceremony is confession of sins followed, of course, by Holy Absolution. To quote the Rubrics, *"When a sick person is to be anointed with oil"*, James 5:14-16 is to be read, followed by these words: *"Name, you have confessed your sins and received Holy Absolution. In remembrance of the grace of God given by the Holy Spirit in the waters of Holy Baptism, I will anoint you with oil. Confident in our Lord and in love for you, we also pray for you that you will not lose faith. Know that in godly patience the Church endures with you and supports you during this affliction. We firmly believe that this illness is for the glory of God and that the Lord will both hear our prayer and work according to His good and gracious will."* Then, *"Using his right thumb, the pastor anoints the sick person on the forehead while saying: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting."*

In contrast to the Pentecostals who believe that if you have enough faith or proper faith then you will be therefore healed of your disease, as if God can be persuaded or duped into healing people, Lutherans emphasize the forgiveness of sins, whereby also life and salvation are received. We have no assurance that God will heal every single illness on this side of glory, as even the Scriptures attest to. We do have the assurance that God will save us for Jesus' sake when we believe that for His sake our sins are forgiven. Notice what James says: **"And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick."** There is no promise of physical healing, but there is of salvation! Yet, on the other hand, as the example from Mark shows, God very well could and might heal them, as He did for many in the disciples' day! Notice, there, too, however, that Mark says *many* were healed. He does not say *all* of them!

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Worship Schedule

Thank you to our Altar Guild members serving for the month of **SEPTEMBER**



Sunday, September 7, 2025; Setting 4

Trinity 12

Sermon: (Vicar Mars)

Lessons:

Is. 29:17-24, Rom. 10:9-16, Mark 7:31-37

Hymns:

790 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

545 - "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Post-Sermon Hymn:

956 - "Create In Me"

Distribution Hymns:

620 - "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

602 - "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

846 - "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

789 - "Praise and Thanksgiving"

849 - "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



Sunday, September 14, 2025; Setting 3

Trinity 13

Sermon: (Pastor Hromowyk)

Lessons:

2 Chron. 28:8-15, Gal. 3:15-22, Luke 10:23-37

Hymns:

905 - "Come, Thou Almighty King"

683 - "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Distribution Hymns:

633 - "At the Lamb's High Feast, We Sing"

566 - "By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"

560 - "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

785 - "We Praise You, O God"

716 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"



If you have to miss the Sunday service, please watch the recorded service on Zion's YouTube channel at

[Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Columbus, OH - YouTube](#)

Sunday School
Third Quarter
Offerings are going to:
LSS Food Pantry



Sunday, September 21, 2025; Setting 3

Trinity 14

Sermon: (Pastor Hromowyk)

Lessons:

Prov. 4:10-23, Gal. 5:16-24, Luke 17:11-19

Hymns:

797 - "Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him"

849 - "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Distribution Hymns:

421 - "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

537 - "Beautiful Savior"

528 - "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

783 - "Take My Life and Let It Be"

895 - "Now Thank We All Our God"



Sunday, September 28, 2025; Setting 3

MICHAELMAS

Sermon: (Pastor Hromowyk)

Lessons:

Deut. 10:12-21; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matt. 22:34-46

Hymns:

521 - "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"

522 - "Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise"

Distribution Hymns:

507 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

941 - "We Praise You and Acknowledge You"

774 - "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

662 - "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

670 - "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"



Voters' Meeting
Sunday, September 14th,
at 9:15am
(Between Services)
in the Fellowship Hall

All members of Zion
 are welcome to attend

Worship ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 27
Worship - 178
Holy Communion - 134
Sunday School - 82

Wednesday, July 30
Compline Worship - 14

Sunday, August 3
Worship - 169
Holy Communion - 136
Sunday School - 99

Wednesday, August 6
Worship - 37
Holy Communion - 28

Sunday, August 10
Worship - 185
Holy Communion - 158
Sunday School - 78

Wednesday, August 13
Compline Worship - 46

Sunday, August 17
Worship - 192
Holy Communion - 150
Sunday School - 107

Wednesday, August 20
Compline Worship - 43

Sunday, August 24
Worship - 192
Holy Communion - 153
Sunday School - 104



- ♥ Those sick and suffering
- ♥ Those Who have lost loved ones:
- ♥ Those serving in the military
- ♥ Our shut ins
- ♥ Expectant Parents
- ♥ Parents of newborn babies

If you would like to submit a prayer request: Contact the church office via e-mail at office@zionlcms.org or phone at (614)444-3456.

**Please offer prayers for both the expectant parents and their babies.*

**Please use this prayer list in your daily prayers.*

Sunday School Classes

In assigned classrooms 9:30 AM for children ages three through high school, every Sunday.

Adult Bible Class

In the Fellowship Hall; 9:30 AM

Sundays, September 7, 14, 21 & 28

Beverage and Pastry Note:

The Board of Parish Activities provides Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Ice Water and Doughnuts during the Adult Bible Class, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Please join us each Sunday morning.



Wednesday Night Service & Bible Study

The First Wednesday Service, beginning at 7:00 PM, will be Divine Service, Setting Three, with Holy Communion. The remaining Wednesdays, will be Compline, beginning at 7:00 PM. There is a Bible Study following the Services, in the Family Room. Private Confession & Absolution are available from 6:15-6:45 PM, in Pastor Hromowyk's Office, all Wednesdays unless otherwise noted.



CAN TABS FOR GOOD



to all of you who are collecting pull tabs from cans. The collected tabs were given to Ronald McDonald House Charities. A thank you for the donation was sent from Ronald McDonald House Charities to Zion. Let's keep collecting the tabs. A container for the tabs is on a table in Fellowship

Hall. The money Ronald McDonald House Charities obtains from the tabs, helps pay the electric bills for the House. This is an easy way to help the families of children who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their children are being treated at Children's Hospital.





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True faith must trust that whatever God ordains is always good. Whether or not He heals the body temporally, He will most certainly grant full healing eternally. The anointed infirm should expect God to forgive their sins, preserve them in the true faith, and heal them if not here then in the life to come.

If anyone ever desires to be to receive this Rite when they are sick, coping with the ailments of old age, fighting cancer, etc., it is available to you. While we do not identify it as a Sacrament since there is no promise of the forgiveness of sins instituted *with the oil*, there will be Absolution preceding it, and there will be the exhortation to remember your Baptism, both of which were instituted for the forgiveness of sins. Then the pastor (referred to as "elders" in the James' text) will commend you to God, trusting in His mercy, that He might heal you according to His good will.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Hromowyk



Please consider serving those
less fortunate by giving
a few hours of your time. Thank you!

LSS Food Pantry
1460 South Champion Ave.
Columbus, OH 43206

Volunteer Parking is located in the lot on Frebis across from the pantry. Please enter through the door marked "Volunteers enter here" located on Frebis Ave.

NEW ADDITIONS!! ZION'S CHURCH LIBRARY NEW ADDITIONS!!

RELIGIOUS REFERENCE

Counseling and Confessions The Role of Confession and Absolution in Pastoral Counseling authored by Walter J. Koehler.

Creeds, Councils, and Christ from Concordia Theological Seminary Press.

The Spirit of Mediaeval Philosophy Gifford Lectures 1931 thru 1932 authored by Etienne Gilson.

Symposium on Seventh Century Lutheranism Selected Papers Volume 1 from Lutheran Brotherhood.

BIOGRAPHY

He Sets the Captive Free authored by Corrie ten Boom.

The Rabbi Who Found Messiah The story of Yitzhak Kaduri authored by Carl Gallups.

**When leaving a donated item to the library Please put your name on the donation. If I cannot use the item and have no donor name, I will donate the item to the Big Sisters Big Brothers Big Book Nook.*



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Stay CONNECTED!



These are email addresses for the different officers and committees at Zion. If you need to reach them, send them an email and it will be forwarded to each member of that group.



**Central Ohio LWML
Fall Meeting
Saturday, September 27
at
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Chuckery, OH**

Registration from 9:30-10:00AM

Posters will be posted soon for more information.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid of Zion would like to extend an invitation to ALL the women of Zion (visitors and guests) to join them on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025 for the beginning of the 2025-2026 meetings.

We enjoy time together with:

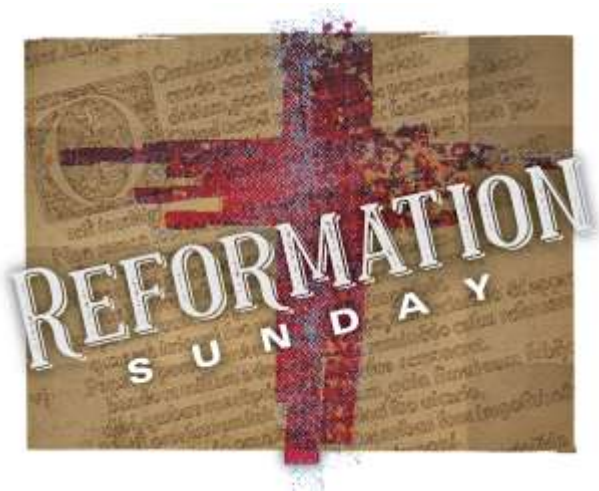
- Projects and social time at 10:00AM
- Bible Study at 11:00AM
- **Potluck Luncheon at Noon**
- Followed by a brief business meeting.



*Would you like
to Greet Our
Members & Visitors*

If you would like to be a greeter, to welcome your fellow church family members and guests, call the office and we'll find just the right spot on the schedule for you. We appreciate all of you so much!

Thank you!

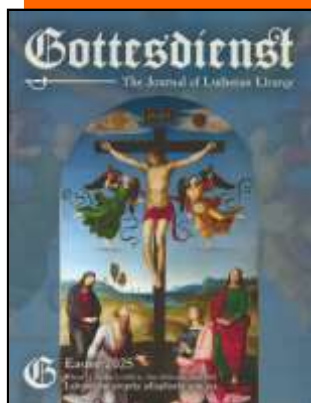


**REFORMATION
WORSHIP SERVICE AT ZION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025**

**ONE JOINT SERVICE
10:00 AM**

**NO Sunday School
NO Adult Bible Class**

- Following the Service, there will be a **Catered Luncheon Buffet** in the Fellowship Hall. (German Food from Schmidt's is on the menu!)
- **Sign-up forms** for this meal will be included in the **Sunday bulletins**, beginning **September 21**.
- The forms, along with your payment, will be required by **Sunday, October 12th.**
- Sponsored by the Board of Parish Activities.



Gottesdienst —The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy

We have a quarterly subscription for 10 copies which are available for you to take home to read and then return when finished. They are located on the table outside of the family room.



FALL 40 Days for Life – As part of the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign, Zion will be praying in front of Planned Parenthood East, 3255 E. Main St. on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4. Please join the Life Team anytime between 9:00-11:00 a.m. as we pray for closure of this facility and pray for those who work there, that the Holy Spirit will reveal to them the sin of abortion. We also pray for those women who need support and prayer as they struggle with the decision to keep their child.

OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE – Friday, October 3 at the Ohio Statehouse. Zion members will meet in front of the Ohio Theatre at 10:50 a.m. to cross the street to the Statehouse for the 11:00 a.m. Rally. You will want to bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit during the Rally. The March will begin at noon. If you are interested in only joining us to march, look for the bright green Lutheran Church Missouri Synod banner that will be held high and carried during the March.

Life Thought - Funny how the Almighty Maker invites (orders?) His people to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19). By His creating, redeeming, and calling, life has already chosen us—and every single one of our neighbors—from fertilization to forever. Any dealings with death—like abortion and assisted suicide—diametrically oppose and dangerously depart from His express commandments.

PEDALS PIPES & PIZZA

Saturday, September 20th 9am-1pm

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza is a program designed to introduce children and youth (ages 7-16) to the pipe organ and its music! Members of the American Guild of Organists will teach participants

about the two organs at St. John Dublin, guide participants through assembling the Orgelkids kit (a real, working pipe organ model!), and demonstrate the variety of sounds the organ can make.

Children and parents are welcome to attend a free pizza lunch and enjoy some time at the organ console, assisted by our volunteers.

This event will be most beneficial to those with some piano experience. We encourage parents to stay and observe.

Register for free at

<https://stjohndublin.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3062364>

St. John Dublin | 6135 Rings Rd



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WTAM	Cleveland	1100	AM	Sun.	6:30 AM
WFCO	Lancaster	90.9	FM	Sun.	8:30 <u>PM</u>
WHIZ	Zanesville	102.5	FM	Sun.	8:00 AM
WHIZ	Zanesville	1240	AM	Sun.	8:00 AM



Website at www.lhm.org. The broadcast is also podcast.

For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

Sunday, September 7 - "Dying, We Live" (Numbers 14:19-20)

Sunday, September 14 - "It's All on God; It's All on Us" (Deuteronomy 1:31)

Sunday, September 21- "Someone Worth Having" (Numbers 6:27)

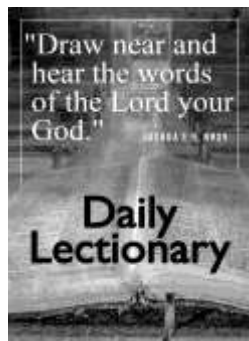
Sunday, September 28 - "On the Way, Already Home" (Numbers 9:18)

Together in God's Word:

Listed below are
an Old Testament and a
New Testament reading
for each day of the week,
for the month of

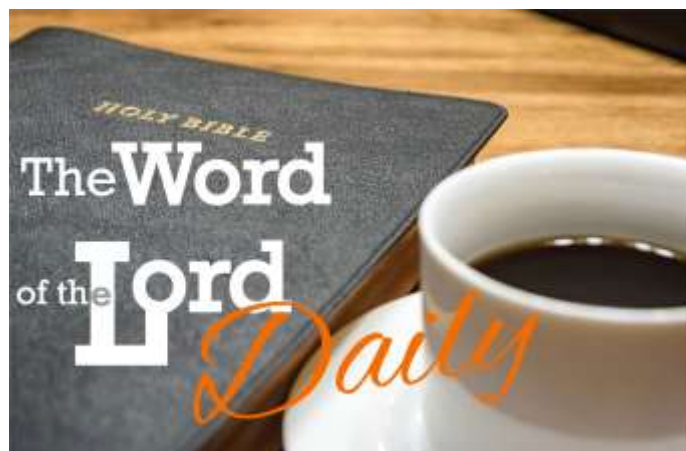
SEPTEMBER

Join with your family of faith
in this daily time with God.



TRINITY 14 Neh. 5:1-16 & 6:1-9 & 15-16; 1 Tim. 4:1-16
22 Sept. Neh. 7:1-4 & 8:1-18; 1 Tim. 5:1-16
23 Sept. Neh. 9:1-21; 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2
24 Sept. Neh. 9:22-38; 1 Tim. 6:3-21
25 Sept. Mal. 1:1-14; Matt. 3:1-17
26 Sept. Mal. 2:1--3:5; Matt. 4:1-11
27 Sept. Mal. 3:6--4:6; Matt. 4:12-25
TRINITY 15 Deut. 1:1-18; Matt. 5:1-20 (MICHAELMAS)
29 Sept. Deut. 1:19-36; Matt. 5:21-48
30 Sept. Deut. 1:37--2:15; Matt. 6:1-15

01 Sept. 1 Kings 18:1-19; Eph. 1:1-23
02 Sept. 1 Kings 18:20-40; Eph. 2:1-22
03 Sept. 1 Kings 19:1-21; Eph. 3:1-21
04 Sept. 2 Kings 2:1-18; Eph. 4:1-24
05 Sept. 2 Kings 2:19-25 & 4:1-7; Eph. 4:25--5:14
06 Sept. 2 Kings 4:8-22 & 32-37; Eph. 5:15-33
TRINITY 12 2 Kings 4:38--5:8; Eph. 6:1-24
08 Sept. 2 Kings 5:9-27; Phil. 1:1-20
09 Sept. 2 Kings 6:1-23; Phil. 1:21--2:11
10 Sept. 2 Kings 9:1-13 & 10:18-29; Phil. 2:12-30
11 Sept. 2 Chron. 29:1-24; Phil. 3:1-21
12 Sept. 2 Chron. 31:1-21; Phil. 4:1-23
13 Sept. 2 Chron. 32:1-22; Col. 1:1-23
TRINITY 13 2 Chron. 33:1-25; Col. 1:24--2:7
15 Sept. 2 Chron. 34:1-4 & 8-11 & 14-33; Col. 2:8-23
16 Sept. 2 Chron. 35:1-7 & 16-25; Col. 3:1-25
17 Sept. 2 Chron. 36:1-23; Col. 4:1-18
18 Sept. Neh. 1:1--2:10; 1 Tim. 1:1-20
19 Sept. Neh. 2:11-20 & 4:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:1-15
20 Sept. Neh. 4:7-23; 1 Tim. 3:1-16
















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Zion Lutheran Church Calendar

September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 	3 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Divine Service Setting 3 w/ Holy Communion 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	4 9:30-11:30 Donation Room 6:30 Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 Cantores Domini Rehearsal	5  Staff Day Off	6 
7 ... TRINITY 12 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 4 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /Adult Bible Class Noon LCMS-U Meal 12:30-2:00 Catechism Class	8 6:00 LCMS-U Bible study 7:00 Life Team Meeting	9 6:30 Elders' Meeting 6:30 All Boards 8:00 Parish Planning	10 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	11 10:00 Ladies' Aid 6:30 Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 Cantores Domini Rehearsal	12  Staff Day Off	13 LCMS-U Mini Golf - Putt N Play 
14 ... TRINITY 13 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:15 Sunday School /NO Adult Bible Class VOTER'S MEETING - 9:15AM Catechism Class (Time TBD)	15 6:00 LCMS-U Bible study 	16 6:30 Stewardship Only meeting	17 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution/Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	18 6:30 Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 Cantores Domini Rehearsal	19  Staff Day Off	20 10:00 Circuit Forum at Zion 12-3 pm Erin Houck's Baby Shower  4-7 pm Under 45ish Cookout at Hromowyk's
21 ... TRINITY 14 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School /Adult Bible Class Catechism Class (Time TBD)	22 6:00 LCMS-U Bible study	23 	24 12:30-4:00 Zion's Day at Food Pantry 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall October Newsletter Deadline	25 6:30 Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 Cantores Domini Rehearsal	26  Staff Day Off	27 Central Ohio LWML Fall Meeting LCMS-U Hiking TBD 40 Days of Life Begins 

SUMMER IS ENDING



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"German Village" Area
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



*"The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all
the people."
Psalm 99:2*



Mark Your Calendars, Now!!!
REFORMATION SERVICE AT ZION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025
ONE JOINT SERVICE
AT 10:00 AM
(there will be NO Sunday School)



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